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Former LAPD Officer Pleads in Internet Drug Bust Case

A former LAPD officer pleaded no contest today to charges that he offered to furnish controlled substances to another undercover LAPD detective on a classified ad website, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Randolph Agard, 41, pleaded in case BA426262 to one count of sale or transportation for sale of a controlled substance and one count of possession for sale of a controlled substance. Both counts involve hydrocodone.

His plea to Judge Fred Wapner was not part of a negotiated offer from prosecutors. Agard, who was terminated by LAPD earlier this year, was immediately sentenced to 480 hours of community service and three years formal probation.

Deputy District Attorney Renee Chang with the Justice System Integrity Division prosecuted the case.

In April 2014, Agard responded to a classified ad on the Internet seeking drugs. The ad was part of an undercover operation conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department's Northeast Narcotic Enforcement Detail.

Agard arrived at a prearranged meeting place and was arrested by LAPD narcotics officers who recovered 20 hydrocodone pills in his jacket pocket and 35 hydrocodone pills stashed in his car.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.